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The El Paso Parks and Recreation Department's mission is to develop, preserve and maintain quality open space facilities and provide opportunities for structured and unstructured recreational and leisure-time activities for all citizens of El Paso.

The Department manages 175 parks, 15 recreation centers, 9 senior centers, 7 shelters, 9 indoor swimming pools and 5 outdoor pools.

The Parks and Recreation staff strives to involve the community in an effort to make the park system thrive and bring economic vitality to the City. Policies must reflect the wide diversity of the community, learn from the past, address the present and plan for the future. Public and private partnerships are an important source of service.

Finally, as stewards of public land the Department must strive to acquire appropriate open space and protect the environment for the future of the community.

## DIVISIONS / CORE SERVICES:

- Community Recreation
- Senior Centers
- Aquatics
- Sports and Athletics
- Special Promotions and Events
- Park Development and Maintenance
- Facility Development and Maintenance



## ACHIEVEMENTS FY05

The Parks and Recreation department has made several significant changes in the past year. The department signed a comprehensive joint user agreement with the El Paso and Ysleta school districts for usage of their facilities and the schools' usage of park facilities.

- This year the Parks and Recreation Department added 87 acres and 68 turf acres of Parks
- The Department has continued to provide leadership to help enhance a successful Parks and Recreation Foundation
- In the recent year, Marty Robbins and Eastwood Recreation Centers have opened along with the new state of the art Memorial Park indoor swimming pool
- Undergoing a Professional Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan using scientific applied data with citizen input
- Seventeen Quality of Life Park Department projects were completed in 2005